



# Saint Monica Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

1001 Camino Pablo  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Office Hours :**

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 am-4:00 pm

Fri: 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Sat - Sun: Closed

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**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30, 9:00  
and 11:00 am

**Children's Liturgy of the  
Word:** Sundays, 9:00 am

**Daily Mass:**

Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

**Adoration:**

Friday 1:00 - 8:00 pm

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm or  
by appointment: 925.376.6900

**Faith Formation:**

**Grades K-5 x 203**

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## Our Vision/Mission Statement

**VISION:** We, the community of St. Monica Parish, are Jesus Christ embodied.

**MISSION:** St. Monica Church fosters spiritual growth and vibrant participation through a welcoming Christ-centered community where everyone is valued.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact Fr. Paul at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com) or at x103.

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com)

**MARRIAGE:** The couple should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to arrange a meeting with Fr. Paul.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:**

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, etc. or if you would like to receive communion at home, please contact [housebound@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:housebound@stmonicamoraga.com) or call x112.

**FUNERAL:** Please contact the parish office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** RCIA, is the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith. Whether you have already been baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive First Communion or Confirmation, or you've never been baptized, this is the place for you! Please contact Fr. Paul at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com) or at x103.

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## WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out—they are located at the church entrances.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reflections...

Our readings this week give us a glimpse of how the first communities of Christians began to understand their purpose and identity. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you," calling his followers to bring his peace and forgiveness to God's beloved world. The early Church realized it was not a group of individuals each seeking to live virtuously and then go to heaven. Instead, Christians formed communities, empowered by the Spirit, attempting to live in profound trust in God and in each other. Remembering how Jesus displayed his wounds to his disciples, the church came to realize that it is called to share in the life of a wounded world. When we, the Church, demonstrate our faith and love in action, we also show everyone who the crucified Jesus really is--the One who knows and accompanies us in our human suffering.

In the Gospel passage from John, Jesus appears twice to his disciples, and both times Jesus shows them his wounds from his crucifixion. Thomas actually touches the wounds. Jesus' wounds did not disappear after the Resurrection. Jesus meant for his followers to know that his sufferings, and ours, are part of our encounter with him. Jesus revealed how God is present in our human suffering, joining us in our most painful moments with consolation and with mercy.

In just a few verses, we see that the disciples received not only a new perspective on suffering, but a new energy and a new task in their lives. Their new energy, Jesus' very breath, is the Holy Spirit. Their new task, given in the same breath, is to embody God's forgiveness and proclaim this forgiveness to all. When Jesus appeared to them, he didn't castigate them for their abandonment and betrayal of him just days before. Jesus gave them the peace of being forgiven. He gave the Holy Spirit, so to forgive others. The experience of being forgiven and forgiving others is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus came to proclaim and to manifest God's desire to reconcile with God's very sons and daughters, us human beings. God is always working toward reconciliation and rejoices when any broken relationship is healed. When we accept forgiveness from God or from others, we are letting God into our hearts. When we forgive others or ourselves, we are participating in God's work.

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## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, April 8

### Monday, April 9

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:45 am	YC	Coffee & Fellowship
6:00 - 9:30 pm	PR	Men's Club Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 pm	C	Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, April 10

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:30 am - 2:00 pm	CL3	Women's Guild Meeting
3:30 - 4:30 pm	CL	K-5 Faith Formation

### Wednesday, April 11

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
10:00 - 11:00 am	CL	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
2:15 - 3:15 pm	CL	K-5 Faith Formation
6:30 - 8:00 pm	CL	Middle School Faith Formation

### Thursday, April 12

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
7:45 pm	PR	Choir rehearsal

### Friday, April 13

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:45 am	YC	Coffee & Fellowship
1:00 - 8:00 pm	C	Eucharistic Adoration

### Saturday, April 14

6:00 - 9:00 am	PR	Men's Fellowship
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**C: Church, CH: Chapel; CL: Classroom,  
CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room,  
REC: Rectory, YC/FR : Youth Center/'Fireside Room'**

## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

*We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please fill in the New Member form on the front page of the bulletin. You can also find registration forms on our website, at both entrances to the Church, or in the parish office.*



## HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: APR 15<sup>th</sup>

LaVerne Peralta  
and  
John Campbell

Weekly Readings	
<b>SUN</b>	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
<b>MON</b>	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>TUES</b>	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<b>WED</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>THUR</b>	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>FRI</b>	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>SAT</b>	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
<b>SUN</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2,4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Mass intentions	
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 7</b>	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Constant Skowronek, deceased
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 8</b>	
7:30 am	In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 am	In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, deceased
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 9</b>	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of AJ Johnson
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 10</b>	
9:00 am	In Memory of Robert H. Flynn, deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11</b>	
9:00 am	In Memory of Violeta S. Lim, deceased
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 12</b>	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Kris Wright
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 13</b>	
9:00 am	In Memory of Al & Mike Gelinas, deceased
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 14</b>	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Tom Skowronek, deceased
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 15</b>	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am	In Memory of Bryan Vierengel, deceased
11:00 am	In Memory of John P. Miller, Jr., deceased

**Stewardship Message**

*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – ACTS 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

*Please pray for the sick...*

Amparo Alverete	Joan Muer
Evelyn Ballment	Toni Newhoff
Nancy Donovan	Vanessa Orth
Roy Drury	Erline Paille
Sherman Farrell	Harry Prudhomme
Ken Gandre	Mary Resnick
Maureen Graf	Dean Schlobolm
Joan Haines	Edy Schwartz
Alan Holloway	James Sherman
Marjorie Hills	Marion Skrivanich
Jeff Lewis	Genevieve Smith
Darwin Marable	Ellen Stice
Maryann McCauley	Tom Spewak
Lorry Midura	Nancy Tierney
Jerry Moran	Norma Wardle

Collections	
Sunday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,661.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Rice Bowls	\$ 899.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,396.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 2,655.00
Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> - Easter	\$ TBD
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building Fund	\$ 1,567.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*If you have a special intention for living or deceased family members or friends, or for any other intentions (sick, anniversaries or birthdays) please contact the parish office.*

**Stewardship**

For the month of March, our stewardship will go to TBD

## Notices and Events

**Please pray for the children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are now preparing to receive their First Communion on May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Abigail Campbell	Inga Markey
Azucena Cano	Margaret Maxwell
Molly Cecchin	Riley Schnurr
William DeMar	Caroline Seeman
Collin Doherty	Ben Shaffer
Tessa Doherty	Makenzie Simpkins
Michael Fagundes	Annabelle Sullivan
Alexandre Farner	Charles Sullivan
Niklas Farner	Katherine VonderBrink
Jackson Gilmore	Corrine Ward
Noah Greenlee	Rocco Witucki
Isla Hill	



### Coffee & Fellowship

#### Please Note:

Coffee & Fellowship will resume every Monday & Friday in the Fireside/Youth Center after morning Mass.

All are welcome! Please feel free to bring a breakfast bread to share.

### PLEASE NOTE

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry is changing their meeting times from *the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month* to *the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month* beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>.



**St. Monica Pre-Baptism Class**  
Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
in the Peace Center, Classroom #3

The expectation of the Church for the parents who present their child for Baptism includes the following:

- One of the parents must give evidence of practicing the Catholic faith.
- They must be registered members of the parish (4 months) with exceptions made for grandchildren of our parishioners as long as the parents of the child present a letter from the pastor of their church where they worship and they meet all St. Monica's baptismal requirements.
- The parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Monica or at their home church
- Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 am or Sundays 1:00 pm.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled Monday evening once a month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**Please register for class two weeks in advance by calling Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203**

**ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR A FIRST TIME HAPPENING TO ATTEND St. Mary's College Guild's *SPRING CONCERT***



**Featuring a delightful musical celebration with pianist & professor of music at St. Mary's, *LINO RIVERA, D.M.A.***

He has been featured on radio, television broadcasts and performed live in concert and symphonies on three continents. His passion for music creativity is incredible and this event promises to be a sell out!!!

**Saturday, APRIL 28 - 11:00 - 2:30 pm**  
**St. Mary's Soda Center**

\$45 per person includes a delicious lunch  
Wine can be purchased

**All proceeds benefit students seeking Financial Aid Scholarships**

Make Checks Payable to: **SMC Guild** and mail to:  
Jeffrey Lynn Dunne, 101 Quintas Ln, Moraga 94556  
Questions? Call 925-284-7750

**DON'T HESITATE!!! LINO RIVERA IS INCREDIBLE!  
A UNQUE TALENTED ARTIST!!!!**



## Notices and Events



### Shoes That Fit—First Holy Communion Program

Every year about this time, St. Monica parishioners are invited to participate in a very special *Shoes That Fit* First Holy Communion program for the second grade children at St. Anthony's School in Oakland. It's always been one of our most popular events, because it involves what many of us remember as one of the most Holy and memorable days from our own childhood.

It's organized very much like our basic *Shoes That Fit* program, except that we provide traditional First Holy Communion clothing for the children: white dresses, veils and shoes for the little girls and dress shirts, slacks, ties and shoes for the little boys. And it will be easy for you to recognize because, instead of the usual yellow index cards on the bulletin boards in our vestibules, you'll find white cards with the names, items and sizes requested for each child. If you remember the joy of selecting a beautiful white dress and veil for your own daughter, or perhaps a dress shirt and tie for your little boy, this is your opportunity to recapture a special memory from that experience and share it with your children!

And once again we'll continue our tradition of preparing lovely First Holy Communion Rosaries and Prayer Books in child-size carrying cases. Each set will be wrapped in pretty paper with a lily-white bow and bear the individual child's name. On First Communion Day, the children will receive this memorable, and totally unexpected, gift in the name of all St. Monica parishioners.

Lastly, each year immediately following First Communion, the *Shoes That Fit* Committee hosts a special brunch for all of the second-graders and their families. Supported by your donations, last May we served more than 200 proud and excited family members and friends in the St. Anthony gym.

Thank you again, St. Monica friends, for your kind and faithful support of the *Shoes That Fit* program throughout the year. Your generosity is an inspiration! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Borrelli at 376-6151 or Kathi Balousek at 376-8934. KB

### Summer @ CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL

Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all!

Our co-ed programs for students ages 7-17 include: Middle School Classes; High School Advancement and Remediation; Sports Clinic's for Girls; ID Tech Courses; and a Girls Leadership camp.

Visit [www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer](http://www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer) for more details and register today!

### COME JOIN ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD ON A BUS TRIP AND TOUR OF THE ACHADINHA CHEESE COMPANY IN PETALUMA



ON TUESDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>  
COST 65.00  
ALL INCLUSIVE 1.5 hour tour

Full Ranch Tour, Cheese Plant and Tasting  
Animal TLC and Lunch (on site)

Time permitting: 1 hour browsing in Petaluma  
Our bus will leave the Church parking lot at 8:30 am and return approximately 4:00 pm. Plan to dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes.

No open toed shoes recommended!

This tour will be enjoyed by both men and women, so bring along your significant other if you like.

**For further information please contact  
Ellie Vaughn @ 376-0889, or mail your check to  
Ellie at 1104 Sanders Drive, Moraga.  
Due Date APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### SOUP TO SERVE



**Next meeting: Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Please note:**

We will switch to making sandwiches every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month. The first day of sandwich making will be April 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Notices and Events



## Come hear the Official Chaplain to Congress Speak at the Catholics@Work Breakfast

Be inspired and hear the story of a Jesuit Priest and Chaplain to the US House of Representatives at the Catholics@Work breakfast in San Ramon.

**Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, SJ**, the official Chaplain, is the visible reminder of God's presence. He will share his unique insights from his journey of walking along the 435 members of the US House of Representatives.

Please join us for breakfast, networking and his inspiring story on **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00am at Crow Canyon Country Club**, in San Ramon, preceded by Mass at 6:30am.

All are welcome, so please bring a friend!

Sign up today at [Catholics@Work.org](http://Catholics@Work.org) for \$20 per member or \$30 per non-member. Catholics@Work is an authorized ministry of the Oakland Diocese.

## Eucharistic Adoration



### Please Note:

**Adoration will return to the normal hours of 1:00 - 8:00 pm on Fridays.**

In Matthew, Jesus selects some of his disciples by inviting them to "Come, follow Me." Adoration is a great place to personally be with the Lord. It is a time where one can willingly set some minutes (or hours!) to be with our Lord and talk with Him as if he was sitting right across from you, in skin and bones, about cares and concerns and times for when one is grateful. It is also a time to ponder through a crisis or misunderstanding, and receive His Perspective.

**Additional people are needed at every hour.**

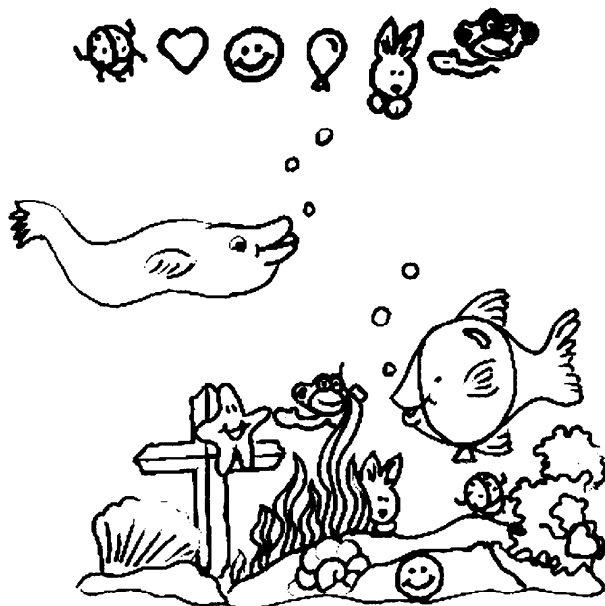
Please come and sign in—no telephone number or obligation is required.

## Children's Corner



*Thomas did not believe that Jesus was risen until he saw Jesus with his own eyes.*

Directions: Use your eyes to find the hidden pictures below.



*Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

Directions: Circle the words that name things that you CANNOT see, but that you believe exist.

HEAT

FLOWERS

LOVE

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TEETH

HAPPINESS

BOOKS

JESUS

SIN